



Tactical Automated Mission Planning System

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

by Capt. Ted Spilman

TAMSPS 6.1 continues to march through the testing cycle. To better support the product, this week the fleet liaison team added on site training for CAGs 1/5 and MAG 12. Although we continue to see 6.1 embraced by the fleet, a high degree of management and fleet support is needed to ensure that our customers can accomplish their missions. The customer mix for 6.1.1 is under scrutiny to ensure we maximize fleet availability without impacting the future product releases.

The 7.0/JMPS IPT kickoff and industry day are complete. There is a lot of work ahead of us. At the core of that work is the continued evolution of our business. To facilitate this, the next major effort for the entire TAMPS team will be to ensure our requirements process is a seamless, automated, end-to-end process which supports multiple product line developments.

Our business is growing fast. Developing new business practices, creating alliances with suppliers, and requirements definition with our users are keys to this expansion. Keep on charging!

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Executive Highlights

- TAMPS 7.0/JMPS IPT Stand-up at Ft. Meyer, VA
- 6.2 SLAM/JSIPS-N meeting working imagery issues
- Successful 6.2 GUARD TIM at Pt. Mugu

UPCOMING EVENTS

23-24 June	6.2 PDR
26-27 June	6.2 Guard Peer Review @ Fair Lakes
30 June	MIDB 2.0 Meeting @ DIA
1 July	MP LAN Meeting @ CNAP
7 July	PMR @ Pt. Mugu
15-16 July	IMPWG @ Naval War College, New Port, RI

TAMPS Web Site gets *Phased*...

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Joe Keim / Shawn Moorman

The Information Technology Team is developing a new look and feel for our site. We are building the best working site on the web, dedicated to creating a Virtual Office Environment on-line. We are developing features that will have the overall effect of increasing communication across the entire team (maybe even reduce the need for all that travel). And yes, it will be a marketing tool too!

Our team has opted to use a modified seven-phased approach in developing and maintaining the site. However, instead of seven phases, we will only have four: Requirements Definition, Design, Development, and Customer Use. The IT Team intends to update the site with Builds providing you major upgrades every two weeks. The current upgrade to the site will continue until the 4-phased process catches up.

We are not afraid of breaking away from the old paradigms and establishing new ones. We must do that to succeed as a team, breaking through the communications barriers. To that end, we are soliciting your input.

TAMPS Wish List

It's Christmas-time on the TAMPS World Wide Web. We are asking you send us an e-mail with a list of features you would like to see in our web site. We are asking for your ideas: things that will make your working experience on the team more efficient and satisfying. So, pretend you are writing out your wish list to Santa, and drop us a line.

Send your e-mails to:
joekeim@bai.offworld.com

TAMPS PRODUCTS

TAMPS 6.1

Jim Lacey/Dave Pearson

Programmatics

VX-9 anticipates completing OT by mid-July and will then start DT Assist with 6.1.1.

N88 is reviewing whether a 6.1 Quick Look Message in September, for other deploying squadrons and GPS-capable squadrons, is warranted.

Testing

GPS Crypto Key. Fleet using SLAM having trouble receiving more than two weekly keys from CMS custodians. SLAM needs up to six. We talked with Chief Caulder (DCMS) and he said documentation to address this situation did not get into the latest release of CMS-1 documentation. Chief Caulder said he would provide the information in an ALCOM which is to be released by 30 June. He will provide a day-time group to us.

In-Service Support Engineering

The System Administrator/Data Base Administrator Train the Trainer's class at SWATSCOLPAC is finishes up this week. This concludes the 6.1 Train the Trainer's sequence.

Training Materials (100% Draft) for Mission Planning and SA/DBA courses are available in softcopy (WordPerfect). To obtain a copy, contact Judy Jolly via e-mail (jolly@nosc.mil).

CVN-73/CAG-1 TAMPS 6.1 Training. Tim Boyce returns to CVN-73 on 19 June to conduct TAMPS 6.1 training. He will be aboard until 26 June.

TAMPS 6.1.1

Jim Lacey/Dave Pearson

Programmatics

Maintaining the current schedule will not impact SSA Pt. Mugu support of 6.2, but any software or hardware delivery delays to the developers will have a negative impact (on 6.2).

We are working with F/A-18, SLAM, and HARM to determine whether the additional month for recompiling and testing their MPMs is acceptable.

Systems Engineering

We are analyzing the risk of TAMPS 6.1.1 impacting TAMPS 6.2 staffing.

TAMPS 6.2

LtCmdr. Dober/Sandy Long

Programmatics

Several meetings occurred this week, critical to the 6.2 team. A joint SLAM/JSIPS-N meeting was held in Rancho Bernardo. Several issues arose out of that meeting that concern imagery requirements for MPMs and CONOPS for imagery storage in TAMPS. Imagery requirements for MPMs are directly related to hardware configuration for RAM required to effectively run the MPMs and do the required imagery manipulation in a

timely fashion. After PDR2 on 23-24 June, we will hold a working meeting to resolve all of the imagery issues. We will attempt to get all the players involved in one room and address the issues. A Guard TIM was held at Pt. Mugu and we received support from many of the MPM personnel. MPM participation is vital to the development of the Guard product to insure that the job gets done right.

Testing

GPS Crypto Key Recertification. We talked to Lt. Loomis (NSA) and asked him if TAMPS 6.2 would require an updated Certification for Crypto Key. Lt. Loomis said that even though we are adding features to TAMPS Crypto Key functionality, it is not in the area of criticality of key contents, therefore no Recertification is necessary.

TAMMAC

Richard Busse

The TAMMAC Integrated Baseline Review at Mc Donnell Douglas in St Louis is done. The level of detail and control in the earned value system implemented under the TAMMAC contract is impressive. The Government group reviewing the system expressed some concerns regarding

the tracking of progress on individual milestones and the ease of use and management utility of the system to MDA Cost Account Managers.

TAMMAC AMU PC Card Format Specification. We had a lengthy TIM to discuss all of the outstanding comments on the specification and to develop a plan for reaching concurrence on the document by the 20 June deadline. We hope to report closure on this issue next week.

The TAMPS financial manager also responded to several questions from the TAMMAC program relating to potential carry-over of funding and status of work effort. The TAMMAC representative indicated that she was satisfied with our answers.

In-Service Support Engineering

Creating the detailed statement of work for the LAN installation contractor and the equipment buy documents for the LAN equipment.

Continuing the DTC-2 replacement study. Coordinating this effort with LAN and 6.2 server requirements and investigating transition approaches for DTC-2 replacements prior to 6.2 release. Collecting from NRaD stock DTC-2 19" racks, UPS, and related hardware for mounting the evaluation Enterprise 4000 server. This equipment will be shipped to NAWCWD Pt. MUGU by the end of next week and used for the server integration and evaluation study.

TAMPS 7.0

Micheline Lopez-Estrada/John Seybold

Programmatics

The JMPS IPT Stand-up and Industry Day were held at Fort Meyer in Virginia this week.

Systems Engineering

We attended the IPT's Kick-off meeting with government and industry. Attended working meeting with USAF regarding the Systems Engineering Management Plan. We are working with requirements to establish the fleet input for HMI and CONOPS to TAMPS 7.0.

N-PFPS

Maj. Steve Bennett

Systems Engineering

Established the FRD for connectivity to TAMPS 6.2 and reviewed with GPS PMW and USAF concerning incorporation of GPS capability with N-PFPS.

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